

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

**This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:**

**LISTING OF CLAIMS:**

1. - 11. (canceled).

12. (previously presented): The hinge-lid pack according to Claim 18, **characterized in that the width of the side walls (22, 23) comprised of two overlapping side tabs (24, 25; 26, 27) is somewhat less than the dimensions of two adjacent cigarettes (10), in particular of the marginal first transverse row (35).**

13. (previously presented): The hinge-lid pack according to Claim 18, **characterized by the following features:**

a) the angulations (37) and/or the angulations (38) are each formed as rounded corners, namely with a circular-shaped rounding formed by curvature strips (45), specifically by conforming to the contour and dimension of the cigarettes (10) lying opposite the angulations (37, 38), and

b) the angulations (37) bordering the side walls (22, 23) are rounded or configured as rounded corners and that the angulations (38) between the legs (28, 29; 30, 31), one hand, and the front side and rear side, on the other hand, have an angular configuration.

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14. (previously presented): The hinge-lid pack according to Claim 18, **characterized in that**, in the case of rounded angulations (38), the side tabs (24, 25; 26, 27) extend exclusively in the region between the adjacent, rounded angulations (38) and overlap one another.

15. (previously presented): Hinge-lid pack according to Claim 18, **characterized in that** base corner tabs (46) and lid corner tabs (47) are arranged as the continuation of interior box side tabs (25) and lid side tabs (27), respectively, with the corner tabs (46, 47) being adapted to the contour of the base wall (15) and end wall (18) by means of corresponding exposed tab edges, or corresponding in their transverse dimensions to the width of their assigned side tabs (25, 27).

16. (canceled).

17. (canceled).

18. (currently amended): Hinge-lid pack for cigarettes (10) comprising a box part (11) with box front wall (14), a box rear wall (16), box side walls (22) and a base wall (15), and a lid (12) which is pivotably attached to the box part (11) and which comprises a lid front wall (19), a lid rear wall (17), lid side walls (23) and an end wall (18), and a collar (13), made from a separate blank, being positioned within an upper part of the box part (11), **characterized by** the following features:

a) the hinge-lid pack with box part (11) and lid (12) is configured as having an octagonal cross-section across its entire dimensions,

b) a lateral region facing the box side walls (22) and lid side walls (23) is configured as having a cross-section that is trapezoid in shape, with converging material strips, namely legs (28, 29; 30, 31), connected respectively to the box front wall (14), box rear wall (16) and to the lid front wall (19) and lid rear wall (17),

- c) the width of the legs (28, 29; 30, 31) is greater than the diameter of one cigarette (10) yet less than the aggregate diameter of two adjacent cigarettes (10),
- d) the legs (28, 29; 30, 31) are directed at an angle (39) of approximately 30° to the box front wall (14) and box rear wall (16), and to the lid front wall (19) and lid rear wall (17), respectively, and are directed at an angle (40) of approximately 60° to the transverse box side wall (22) and lid side wall (23),
- e) a cigarette group (34), as the pack's contents, comprises transverse rows of said cigarettes, namely transverse rows (35) with two adjacent cigarettes (10) and transverse rows (36) with three adjacent cigarettes (10),
- f) the cigarettes (10) of the adjacent transverse rows (35 and 36) are arranged in a saddle position, i.e. are offset to one another,
- g) cigarettes (10) of a marginal transverse row (35) of two adjacent cigarettes (10) are arranged in the region of angulations (37) between a box side wall (22) and lid side wall (23), on one hand, and box legs (28) and lid legs (30), on the other hand,
- h) marginal cigarettes of an adjacent transverse row (36) with three cigarettes (10) are arranged in the region of an angulation (38) between the box legs (28) and lid legs (30), on one hand, and box front wall (14), box rear wall (16), lid front wall (19) and lid rear wall (17), on the other hand.

19. (previously presented): Hinge-lid pack for cigarettes (10) comprising a box part (11) with box front wall (14), box rear wall (16), box side walls (22) and base wall (15), and a lid (12) which is pivotably attached to the box part (11) and which comprises lid front wall (19), lid rear wall (17), lid side walls (23) and end wall (18), **characterized by** the following features:

- a) box part (11) and lid (12) are configured as having a matching octagonal cross-section,
- b) a region facing at least one of the box side walls (22) and lid side walls (23) is configured as having a cross-section that is trapezoid in shape, with converging material strips or legs (28, 29; 30, 31) connected respectively to the box front wall (14), box rear wall (16) and to

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the lid front wall (19) and lid rear wall (17), said legs (28, 29; 30, 31) having a width that is greater than the diameter of one cigarette (10) of said cigarettes and less than the aggregate diameter of two adjacent ones of said cigarettes (10).

c) the material strips or legs (28, 29; 30, 31) are directed at an angle (39) of approximately 30° to the box front wall (14) and box rear wall (16), and to the lid rear wall (17) and lid front wall (19), respectively, and are directed at an angle (40) of approximately 60° to the transverse box side wall (22) and lid side wall (23),

d) a collar (13) made from a separate blank conforms to the contour or cross-sectional profile in the region of the legs (28, 29; 30, 31) to form material strips (50, 51) that are arranged at an angle to one another,

e) attached to the marginal material strip (51) of the collar (13) is a collar leg (53)

which abuts the inner side of the rear box legs (29) and lid legs (31).

20. (currently amended): Hinge-lid pack according to claim 18, wherein:

a-the collar (13) made from a separate blank conforms to the contour or cross-sectional profile in the region of the legs (28, 29; 30, 31) to form material strips (50, 51) that are arranged at an angle to one another, and

attached to a marginal material strip (51) of the collar (13) is a collar leg (53) which abuts the inner side of the rear box legs (29) and lid legs (31).